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On The Floor This Week

HR 6297 - The Iran Sanctions Act Extension

Background: Since it was first passed twenty years ago, the Iran Sanctions Act (ISA) has been at the center of the U.S. response to the threat posed by the Iranian rogue regime. Despite the Obama Administration's dangerous nuclear deal, ISA remains critical to U.S. efforts to counter the full range of Iran's malicious activity. The Iran Sanctions Act will expire at the end of the year if Congress does not pass an extension, denying the next Administration a critical tool.

The Iran Sanctions Act supports sanctions on Iran's illicit weapons programs and ballistic missile development that were *not* suspended as part of the nuclear deal. Iran continues to buy destabilizing weapons systems from Russia and funnels weapons and assistance to its terrorist proxies to prop up the murderous Assad regime and threaten Israel.

Allowing the Iran Sanctions Act to expire would compound the damage done by the President's dangerous nuclear deal and send a message that the United States will no longer oppose the destructive role of Iran in the Middle East.

This Bill:

- Provides clear statutory authority to re-impose or "snap-back" many of the most powerful sanctions on Iran's energy industry if the rogue regime rushes toward a nuclear weapon.
- Gives Congress not the Executive Branch final say on when Iran gets permanent sanctions relief.
- Extends the Iran Sanctions Act for 10 years.